

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Collage making apparatus for assisting in the production of a collage by duplication apparatus comprising a layout area contained within said collage making apparatus, said layout area accommodating at least
5 one object that is to be contained in said collage, said collage making apparatus being convertible between a layout mode and a duplication mode, said layout area being observable by a user during the layout mode so that the user may observe an arrangement of the at least one object
10 within said layout area, the layout area being reproducible by said duplication apparatus during the duplication mode so that said duplication apparatus produces a copy of the arrangement of the at least one object within said layout area.

2. The collage making apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a backing member, said backing member defining said layout area; and
5 a transparent cover member operatively associated with said backing member so that said transparent cover member can be moved between a first position and a second position, said transparent cover member exposing said layout area when said
10 transparent cover member is in the first position, said transparent cover member covering said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the second position, said transparent cover member also securing the at least one object contained within
15 said layout area when said transparent cover member is in the second position.

3. The collage making apparatus of claim 2, wherein

said transparent cover member comprises a plate glass member.

4. The collage making apparatus of claim 2, wherein said backing member comprises a plate glass member.

5 5. The collage making apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a hinge member attached to said backing member and to said transparent cover member, said hinge member allowing said transparent cover member to be pivoted with respect to said backing member between the first position and the second position.

5 6. The collage making apparatus of claim 5, wherein said transparent cover member includes a first edge and a second edge, wherein said backing member includes a first edge and a second edge, wherein said hinge member is attached to the first edge of said transparent cover member and to the first edge of said backing member, and wherein the second edge of said transparent cover member engages the second edge of said backing member when said transparent cover member is in the second position.

7. The collage making apparatus of claim 5, wherein said hinge member is fully articulating.

8. The collage making apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

5 a backing member, said backing member defining said layout area; and
a template member operatively associated with said backing member so that said template member can be moved between a first position and a second position, said template member including at least one

10 opening therein, said template member exposing said
layout area when said template member is in the first
position, said template member covering a portion of
said layout area when said template member is in the
second position, the at least one opening in said
15 template member exposing a portion of the at least
one object contained within said layout area when
said template member is in the second position.

9. The collage making apparatus of claim 8, wherein
said template member secures the at least one object
contained within said layout area when said template
member is in the second position.

10. The collage making apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising a sticker, said sticker removably adhering to
said collage making apparatus or to a duplicating bed of
said duplication apparatus.

11. The collage making apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising a paper sheet having a first side and a second
side, the first side of said paper sheet having a
background motif preprinted thereon, said paper sheet
5 allowing said duplication apparatus to produce a copy of
the arrangement of the at least one object within said
layout area overlaying the background motif on the first
side of said paper sheet.

12. The collage making apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising a background pattern selected by said user,
said background pattern being preprogrammed into said
duplication apparatus or a computer operatively associated
5 with said duplication apparatus, said background pattern
allowing said duplication apparatus to produce a copy of

the arrangement of the at least one object within said layout area overlaying the background pattern.

13. Collage making apparatus for assisting in the production of a collage by duplication apparatus, comprising:

5 collage making means for defining a layout area contained with said collage making means, said layout area accommodating at least one object that is to be contained in said collage, said collage making means being convertible between a layout mode and a duplication mode, said layout area being observable
10 by a user during the layout mode so that the user may observe an arrangement of the at least one object within said layout area, the layout area being reproducible by said duplication apparatus during the duplication mode so that said duplication apparatus
15 produces a copy of the arrangement of the at least one object within said layout area.

14. Collage making apparatus for assisting in the production of a collage by duplication apparatus comprising a layout area contained within said collage making apparatus, said layout area accommodating at least
5 one object that is to be contained in said collage, said collage making apparatus being convertible between a layout mode and a duplication mode,

when in said layout mode, the at least one object being freely moveable by a user within said layout area and said layout area being observable by
10 the user so that the user may observe an arrangement of the at least one object within said layout area;

when in said duplication mode, said layout area being reproducible by said duplication apparatus

15 during the duplication mode so that said duplication
 apparatus produces a copy of the arrangement of the
 at least one object within said layout area.

15. Collage making apparatus for assisting in the
production of a collage by duplication apparatus, said
collage making apparatus comprising:

5 a backing member, said backing member defining
 a layout area, said layout area accommodating at
 least one object that is to be contained in said
 collage; and

10 a cover member operatively associated with said
 backing member so that said cover member can be moved
 between a first position and a second position, said
 cover member exposing said layout area when said
 cover member is in the first position so that the at
15 least one object that is to be contained in said
 collage is freely moveable within said layout area,
 said cover member securing the at least one object
 contained within said layout area when said cover
 member is in the second position.

16. The collage making apparatus of claim 15,
wherein said cover member is transparent, said transparent
cover member covering substantially an entirety of said
layout area when said transparent cover member is in the
5 second position.